

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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Examiner: Tucker, G.

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
FORMING A CENTERED BORE FOR
THE FEMORAL STEM OF A
HIP PROSTHESIS



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the subject application, please
enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claim 1 to read:

1. (Three times amended) An instrument for forming a
centered [bone] pore in a femur in preparation for implantation
of a femoral prosthesis, wherein the femur includes an
intramedullary canal defined by an interior wall of cortical
bone, the instrument comprising:

a handle joined to [the] a proximal end of an elongated rod
sized to be received within said canal; and

[means] fins fixed at a distal end of the rod, and
projecting outwardly in opposing directions from the rod in a

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